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Please amend the Claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A gaming machine which includes:
a display including a plurality of display positions for displaying combinations of symbols;
a controller for controlling operation of the machine, the controller including a processor for processing data and displaying selected data on the display; and
a selector operable by a player of the machine for enabling the player to select at least one feature which can be added to a base game played on the machine an additional credit being staked by the player in order to be eligible for the at least one feature.

4. (Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 1 in which the selector comprises a plurality of selectors operable by the player to select the at least one feature before making the base bet.

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5. (Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 1 in which the additional credit staked provides eligibility to a benefit provided by that feature, there being no guarantee that the feature will eventuate merely by having staked the additional credit.

6. (Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 1 in which the feature is triggered independently of the base game.

7. (Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 1 in which the selector enables a player to select a range of features to enable the player to tailor the game to the player's requirements.

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9. (Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 1, wherein the machine comprises a plurality of games and wherein the selector is adapted to enable the player to select one of the plurality of games as the base game.

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10. (Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 1 in which the selector includes dedicated buttons on a keypad of the controller.

11. (Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 1 in which the selector includes touch sensors of a touch screen of the display.

12. (Amended) A gaming machine which includes:

a display including a plurality of display positions for displaying combinations of symbols;

a controller for controlling operation of the machine, the controller including a processor for processing data and displaying selected data on the display; and

a selector operable by a player of the machine for enabling the player to select at least one feature which can be added to a base game played on the machine, an additional credit being staked by the player in order to be eligible for the at least one feature being a fixed amount multiplied by a bet wagered per line or per draw.

13. (Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 12 wherein the selector includes a plurality of selectors operable by the player to select the feature required before making a base bet.

14. (Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 12 wherein the additional credit staked provides eligibility to a benefit provided by that feature, there being no guarantee that the feature will eventuate merely by having staked the additional credit.

15. (Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 12, wherein the feature is triggered independently of the base game.

16. (Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 12, wherein the selector enables a player to select a range of features to enable the player to tailor the game to the player's requirements.

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18. (Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 12, wherein the machine comprises a plurality of games and wherein the selector is adapted to enable the player to select one of the plurality of games as the base game.

19. (Amended) The gaming machine of wherein the selector includes dedicated buttons on a keypad of the controller.

20. (Amended) The gaming machine of Claim 12 in which the selector includes touch sensors of a touch screen of the display.

21. (Amended) A gaming machine which includes:
a display including a plurality of display positions for displaying combinations of symbols;
a controller for controlling operation of the machine, the controller including a processor for processing data and displaying selected data on the display; and
a plurality of selectors operable by a player of the machine for enabling the player prior to making a base bet, for selecting a range of features to be added to a base game played on the machine to enable the player to tailor the game to the player's requirements.